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SUBJ: FMG BLASTS UNITED STATES OVER ANGOLA

SUMMARY: IN VITRIOLIC OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, FMG BLASTED U.S. POLICY IN ANGOLA LATE EVENING JANUARY 6. STATEMENT SAID NIGERIA REJECTS WHAT IT CALLED U.S. ATTEMPTS PRESSURE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS MAKE WITHDRAWAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA CONDITIONAL ON WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET AND CUBAN ADVISERS AND CHARACTERIZES PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO

AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AS "OVERBEARING" AND "PATRONIZING." STATEMENT ALSO CRITICIZES "ARM TWISTING" MISSION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELER AND REITERATES FMG'S "DECISION" REJECT "DIRECTIVES" FROM THE USG, CALLING ON ALL AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SIMILAR PRESSURE TAKE SIMILAR STANCE. APPARENTLY BY COINCIDENCE, STATEMENT ISSUED ONLY FEW HOURS AFTER NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE HELD SHORT MEETINGS WITH UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN WHO MADE STOP-OVER IN LAGOS ON WAY BACK FROM KAMPALA FROM ATTENDING INAUGURATION LIBERIAN PRESIDENT MONROVIA. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDER SCREAMING HEADLINES "SHUT UP, GET OUT," NIGERIAN "DAILY TIMES" JANUARY 7 REPORTED FMG'S CONDEMNATION U.S. POLICY IN ANGOLA, WITH SUB-HEADLINE "NIGERIA REJECTS COMPLETELY THE FATUOUS ATTEMPT BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION TO INSULT THE INTELLIGENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONS AND SCORN THE DIGNITY OF THE BLACK MAN." STORY SAYS NIGERIA HAS "TOLD OFF" THE U.S. IN AN "UNPRECEDENTED BLASTING OF A FOREIGN NATION." OTHER PRESS HEADLINES EQUALLY NASTY. COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. QTE SINCE DECEMBER 17, WHEN THE UNITED STATES SENATE BY AN OVERWHELMING VOTE OF 54 TO 22 DECIDED TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR COVERT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON HAS INDICATED INTENTION OF REVERSING

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THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE AS EXPRESSED BY THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD HAS NOT ONLY DISPATCHED AN ENVOY ON AN ARM-TWISTING MISSION TO AFRICA BUT HAS ALSO ADDRESSED OVERBEARING CIRCULAR LETTERS TO ALL HEADS OF STATE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

THE CENTRAL POINT OF THE LETTER IS THE PATRONISING DIRECTIVE THAT THE FORTHCOMING OAU MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND SUMMIT

MEETINGS SHOULD INSIST ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION FORCES.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REJECTS COMPLETELY THIS FATUOUS ATTEMPT BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION TO INSULT THE INTELLIGENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONS AND SCORN THE DIGNITY OF THE BLACK MAN. IT TOTALLY REPUDIATES THE FALSE LOGIC THAT EQUATES THE PRESENCE OF THE CUBAN AND SOVIET ADVISERS IN ANGOLA WITH THAT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGULAR TROOPS, THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE AND MOTLEY MERCENARIES.

IN CASE THE FORD ADMINISTRATION CHOOSES NOT TO REMEMBER, THE USSR AND CUBA HAVE MADE THE CAUSE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE THEIR OWN SINCE THE EARLIEST DAYS OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT THE WAR FOR ANGOLAN LIBERATION HAS BEEN THE LONGEST WAR OF ITS TYPE IN AFRICA. ONLY THE WAR IN VIETNAM WHICH ENDED IN VICTORY FOR THE NATIONALIST AND PATRIOTIC FORCES LASTED LONGER.

ALL THROUGH THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF OUR ANGOLA BROTHERS, SUCCESSIVE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATIONS UNRELENTINGLY SUPPORTED MORALLY, MATERIALLY AND OTHERWISE, THE FASCIST, REPRESSIVE AND OPPRESSIVE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENTS.

ALL OF A SUDDEN ONE HEARS CROCODILE TEARS BEING SHED FOR PEACE IN ANGOLA\* IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT FRIENDS OF THE BENIGHTED RACIST REGIMES AND SUPPORTERS OF THE DEGRADATION OF AFRICANS BEGAN TO LIVE WITH THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT THINKING IN AFRICA. IT SHOULD NOT BE THAT DIFFICULT TO DRAW A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN FOREIGN COUNTRIES INVITED BY PATRIOTIC FORCES TO ASSIST IN FIGHTING FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND THOSE RACIST ADVENTURERS WHO COMMIT WANTON UNCLASSIFIED

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AGGRESSION BY INVADING AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE SOLE AIM OF UNDERMINING THEIR INDEPENDENCE, EXPORTING THEIR DISCREDITED AND INHUMAN SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE MPLA-LED GOVERNMENT IN LUANDA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. IT APPRECIATES AND RESPECTS THE PREROGATIVE OF THAT GOVERNMENT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM ANY SOURCE IN THE WORLD IN EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

FURTHER, IT DRAWS ATTENTION TO THAT BASIC TENET OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS -- THAT IS, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS. IT IS ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT REITERATES ITS FIRM DECISION TO COMPLETELY REJECT

THE "DIRECTIVE" FROM THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT.

IT ALSO WISHES TO EXPRESS THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT ALL OTHER SISTER AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SUCH UNTIMELY PRESSURE WILL ALSO REJECT IT TO ENABLE US BUILD (SIC) THE AFRICA OF OUR CHOICE;

GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN AFRICA WILL EVER BOW TO THE THREAT OF ANY SO-CALLED SUPERPOWER. UNQTE.

3. APPARENTLY COMPLETELY BY COINCIDENCE, STATEMENT ISSUED ONLY FEW HOURS AFTER UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN MADE STOP-OVER VISIT LAGOS ON HIS WAY BACK TO KAMPALA FROM LIBERIA, WHERE HE ATTENDED INAUGURATION LIBERIAN PRESIDENT. NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE BRIGADIER MURTALA MUHAMMED MET AMIN AT AIRPORT AND ACCOMPANIED VISITOR IN HELICOPTER RIDE TO DODAN BARRACKS FOR BRIEF MEETING. NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BUT FMG PRESS RELEASE SAID TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED ANGOLAN ISSUE, UPCOMING OAU SUMMIT AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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